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Reasons for allowance

1. Claims 12-25 are directed to an allowable product. Pursuant to the procedures set forth in the Official Gazette notice dated March 26, 1996 (1184 O.G. 86), claim 12, directed to the process of making or using the patentable product, previously withdrawn from consideration as a result of a restriction requirement, is now subject to being rejoined. Claim 12 is hereby rejoined and fully examined for patentability under 37 CFR 1.104. Claims 12-25 are allowed and renumbered as claims 1-14.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The closest prior art does not teach or suggest the instantly claimed invention. The prior art does not teach a recording medium molded in a form of a disk and having a recording layer, a disk-shaped resin layer provided on said recording layer, and a hole at the center of said resin layer, wherein: ring shaped first and second concaves, a resin film formation area, and a ridgy resin film provided on a surface of said resin layer, said first and second concaves are provided with a center of said hold as centers of said first and second concaves in concentric relation, said resin film formation area is constituted of a land between said first and second concaves, and said ridgy resin film is provided onto said resin film formation area and raised above said surface of said resin layer.

The prior art does not teach motivation or suggestion for modification to make the invention as instantly claimed.

Any comments considered by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lawrence Ferguson whose telephone number is (571)
 272-1522. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cynthia Kelly can be reached on (571) 272-1526. The telecopier number for accessing the facsimile machine is (703) 872-9306.

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